

FOREWORD

Since the inauguration of the Center for International Programs (CIP) of Meiji University in April, 1986, we have been pursuing the promotion of "Area Studies" as one of its major activities while establishing expanded worldwide institutional links with foreign universities.

Under the rapidly changing political and economic situations and pressing needs for preserving ecological balance on the Spaceship Earth, we have witnessed that Canadian people have made superb devotions to attaining the goals of having balanced global situations and environment. We know we have a great deal to learn from Canadian people and a variety of things Canadian. Thus we are keenly aware of the importance of the Canadian Studies in order to understand and get ready to cope with diversified problems we are facing now on every corner of our planet. With these in mind, we held the serial lectures on Canadian Studies in 1994, the sixth program of its kind, for the period between May 16 and December 9, 1994 with the generous financial support by Canadian Government. It attracted as many as 461 students to the twenty-one lectures in total, delivered by seventeen scholars, covering various subjects such as History, Immigration, Education, international Relations, Literature, Politics, Economics, Agriculture and Language.

This report is the brief summary of each lecture. We certainly believe that it will contribute to opening a new horizon in Canadian Studies and Area Studies at large in our university. On the basis of the successful completion of seven programs on Canadian Studies which were held from 1987 (A Seminar on Canadian Studies) through this academic year, we are eager to accelerate our effort to integrate the program into the core curricula of the Area Studies at Meiji University.

Hereupon we would like to express our gratitude for the kind cooperation of all the guest speakers and participants who made great contribution to the program. Without their help, the program wouldn't have been so successful. We, also, appreciate Canadian Government and the Board of Trustees of Meiji University for their generous financial support.

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